We claim:

5 1. A process for preparing phenyl iso(thio)cyanates of the formula I

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$$W=C=N-Ar \xrightarrow{0}_{N} SO_{2}-A \qquad (I)$$

where the variables are as defined below:

W is oxygen or sulfur,

Ar is phenyl which may be mono- or polysubstituted by the following groups: hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl or cyano,

A is a radical derived from a primary or secondary amine or is NH_2 ,

which comprises reacting a compound of the formula II

$$H_2N \longrightarrow Ar \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow SO_2 \longrightarrow A$$
 (II)

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where the variables Ar and A are as defined above or its HCl adduct with phosgene, thiophosgene or diphosgene.

- 35 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the HCl adduct of the compound II is used.
- 3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein from 0.9 to 2 molar equivalents of phosgene, thiophosgene or diphosgene are used, based on the compound II.
- A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the reaction of the hydrogen chloride adduct of the compound
 II is carried out in the presence of activated carbon.

5. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein a compound of the formula IIA

where

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 R^a , R^b , R^c and R^d independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl or cyano and

A is as defined above

or its HCl adduct is reacted with phosgene, thiophosgene or diphosgene, giving a compound of the formula IA

where the variables R^a , R^b , R^c , R^d , A and W are as defined above.

6. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, wherein the radical A in formula I is $-N^1R^2$,

where the variables R^1 and R^2 are as defined below:

R¹ and R² independently of one another represent hydrogen,

C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl or C₂-C₁₀-alkynyl which may be
unsubstituted or substituted by one of the following
radicals: C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, CN, NO₂, formyl,

C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl,

C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-dialkylaminocarbonyl,

C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl,

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 C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, 3- to 8-membered heterocyclyl having one, two or three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, N and a group NR⁶ (where R⁶ is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl or C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl), phenyl, which for its part may have 1, 2, 3 or 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -fluoroalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkylamino, C_1 - C_3 -dialkylamino, formyl, nitro and cyano,

C₁-C₁₀-haloalkyl, C₂-C₁₀-haloalkenyl, C₂-C₁₀-haloalkynyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkenyl, 3- to 8-membered heterocyclyl having one to three heteroatoms selected 15 from the group consisting of O, S, N and a group NR6 (where R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl or C₃-C₆-alkynyl), phenyl or naphthyl, where C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkenyl, 3- to 8-membered heterocyclyl, phenyl and naphthyl may for their part have 20 1, 2, 3 or 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C1-C4-alkyl, C1-C4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4 -fluoroalkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkyloxycarbonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, formyl, C1-C3-alkylamino, C₁-C₃-dialkylamino, phenoxy, nitro and cyano, or 25

 R^1 and R^2 together form a saturated or partially unsaturated 5- to 8-membered nitrogen heterocycle which for its part may be substituted by C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy and/or. C_1-C_4 -haloalkyl and may have one or two carbonyl groups, thiocarbonyl groups and/or one or two further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, N and a group NR^6 (where R^6 is as defined above) as ring members.

- 35 7. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process additionally comprises the following steps:
 - i) reaction of an aroyl compound of the formula III

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$$O_2N - Ar \xrightarrow{O}_X$$
 (III)

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in which the variable Ar is as defined above and X is halogen, OH or $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{--alkoxy}$ with a sulfamic acid amide of the formula IV

 $H_2N-SO_2-A \qquad (IV),$

where A is as defined above and

ii) reduction of the N-aroylsulfamic acid amide, obtained in step i), of the formula V

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$$O_2N - Ar \xrightarrow{O}_{N-SO_2-A} (V)$$

- where Ar and A are as defined above, giving a compound of the formula II.
- A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein in step (ii) the reduction is carried out in the presence of catalytic amounts of transition metals or transition metal compounds.
 - 9. A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein in step (ii) the reduction is carried out in the presence of iron and at least one C_1 - C_4 -carboxylic acid.
 - 10. A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein in step (ii) the reduction is carried out in the presence of Raney nickel and hydrogen.
- 11. A phenyl iso(thio)cyanate of the formula I as defined in
 claim 1.
- 12. A phenyl iso(thio)cyanate of the formula IA as defined in claim 5, wherein R^a is fluorine, chlorine or cyano, R^c is hydrogen, fluorine or chlorine and R^b and R^d are each hydrogen.
- 13. A phenyl iso(thio)cyanate of the formula IA as defined in claim 5, wherein A is a radical of the formula NR^1R^2 where R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 6.

- 14. A phenyl iso(thio)cyanate of the formula IA as claimed in claim 12, wherein R¹ and R² independently of one another are hydrogen, C¹-C6-alkyl which is optionally substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, C¹-C4-alkoxy, C¹-C4-alkoxycarbonyl, C¹-C4-alkylthio, C³-C8-cycloalkyl, furyl, thienyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, phenyl which for its part is optionally substituted by halogen or C¹-C4-alkoxy,
- 10 C_2-C_6 -alkenyl, C_2-C_6 -alkynyl, C_3-C_8 -cycloalkyl or phenyl which is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4 -alkyl, C_1-C_4 -fluoroalkyl, C_1-C_4 -alkoxy, C_1-C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, nitro and C_1-C_3 -dialkylamino, naphthyl or pyridyl or

R¹ and R² together form a five-, six- or seven-membered saturated or unsaturated nitrogen heterocycle which may optionally contain a further heteroatom selected from the group consisting of N, a group NR⁶ (where R⁶ is as defined above) and O as ring member and/or which may be substituted by one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₄-alkyl and C₁-C₄-haloalkyl.

25 15. A process for preparing compounds of the formula VI

where W, Ar and A are as defined in claim 1, W' is O or S and R³ and R⁴ independently of one another are hydrogen, cyano, amino, C¹-C6-alkyl, C¹-C6-haloalkyl, C¹-C6-haloalkoxy, C³-C7-cycloalkyl, C²-C6-alkenyl, C²-C6-haloalkenyl, C³-C6-alkynyl, benzyl, OR⁵ (where R⁵ is hydrogen, C¹-C6-alkyl, C¹-C6-haloalkyl, C³-C7-cycloalkyl, C²-C6-alkenyl, C³-C6-alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or unsubstituted or substituted benzyl), C¹-C3-cyanoalkyl, or R³ and R⁴ together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are attached form a four- to seven-membered heterocycle which is optionally interrupted by sulfur, oxygen, a group NR⁶ (where R⁶ is as defined above) or nitrogen and which is

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unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or $C_1-C_4-alkyl$,

which comprises

(i) reacting a compound of the formula I as defined in claim 1 with an oxadiazinecarboxylic acid ester of the formula VII

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R^{3} \\
N \\
C(W')OR' \\
N \\
H
\end{array}$ (VII)

where W' is as defined above and R' is C_1-C_4 -alkyl, giving a urea derivative of the formula VIII

20 R^3 N OR' NH NH

where the variables R^3 , R^4 , R^\prime , W, W^\prime , Ar and A are as defined above and

- 16. A process as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound of the formula I used in step (i) is a compound of the formula IA

40 W=C=N R^{a} R^{a} $N-SO_{2}-A$ R^{a} R^{b} R^{a} $N-SO_{2}-A$

where the variables R^a , R^b , R^c , R^d , A and W are as defined above.

17. A process as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound VII used in step (i) is a compound of the formula VII'

where W' is O or S and R' is C_1-C_4 -alkyl.

18. An aminobenzoylsulfamic acid amide of the formula II

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$$H_2N-Ar \longrightarrow_H^{\circ} SO_2-A$$
 (II)

25 where the variables are as defined below:

Ar is a group of the formula Ar-1

where Ra is halogen or cyano,

Rb is hydrogen,

Rc is halogen or hydrogen,

Rd is hydrogen;

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- * denotes the point of attachment of Ar to the C(O) group and
- ** denotes the point of attachment of Ar to the nitrogen atom of the amino group;
- A is a group of the formula NR¹R²,

where one of the radicals R^1 or R^2 is hydrogen, $C_1-C_6-alkyl$, $C_2-C_6-alkenyl$ or $C_2-C_6-alkynyl$ and the other radical R^1 or R^2 is $C_1-C_6-alkyl$, $C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl$ or phenyl.

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19. A nitrobenzoylsulfamic acid amide of the formula V

$$0_2N - Ar \xrightarrow{0}_{\substack{N-SO_2-A \\ H}} A$$
 (V)

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where the variables are as defined below:

Ar is a group of the formula Ar-1

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$$R^{c}$$
 R^{b}
 R^{a}
 R^{d}
 R^{a}
 R^{a}

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where Ra is halogen or cyano,

Rb is hydrogen,

Rc is halogen or hydrogen,

Rd is hydrogen;

- * denotes the point of attachment of Ar to the C(O) group and
- ** denotes the point of attachment of Ar to the nitrogen atom of the amino group;

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- A is a group of the formula NR^1R^2 , where one of the radicals R^1 or R^2 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl or C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl and the other radical R^1 or R^2 is C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl or phenyl.
- 20. A process for preparing aminobenzoylsulfamic acid amides of the formula II as claimed in claim 18, which process comprises the following steps:

a) reaction of an aroyl compound of the formula III.

 $O_2N-Ar \xrightarrow{O}_X$ (III)

where Ar is as defined in claim 19 and X is halogen or $C_1-C_4-alkoxy$

with a sulfamic acid amide of the formula IV

 $H_2N-SO_2-A \qquad (IV),$

where A is as defined in claim 19; and

b) reduction of the nitrobenzoylsulfamic acid amide, obtained in step a), of the formula V

where Ar and A are as defined in claim 19

to the aminobenzoylsulfamic acid amide of the formula II as claimed in claim 18.

21. A process as claimed in claim 20, wherein in step b) the reduction is carried out in the presence of catalytic amounts of transition metals or transition metal compounds.

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